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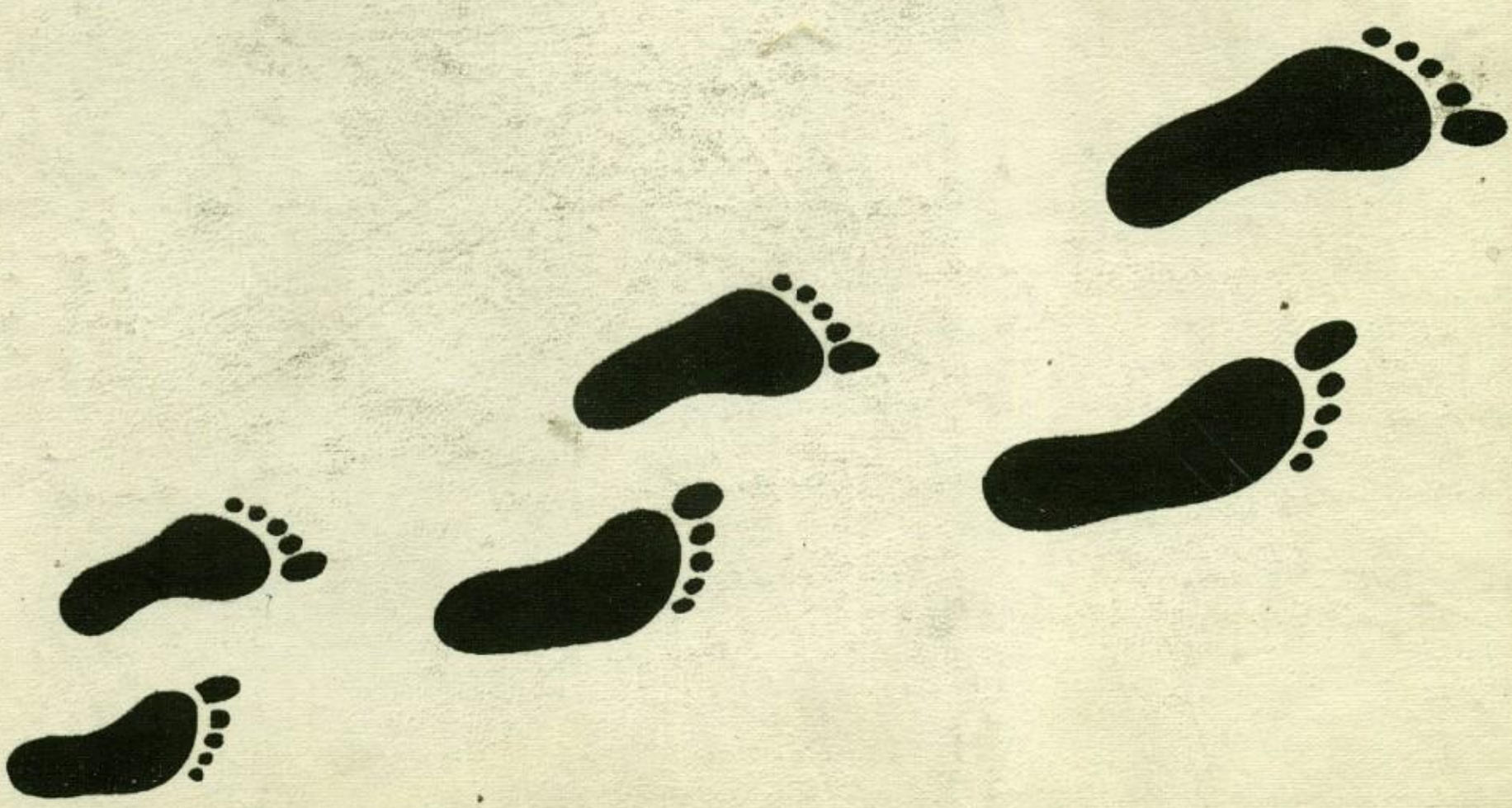

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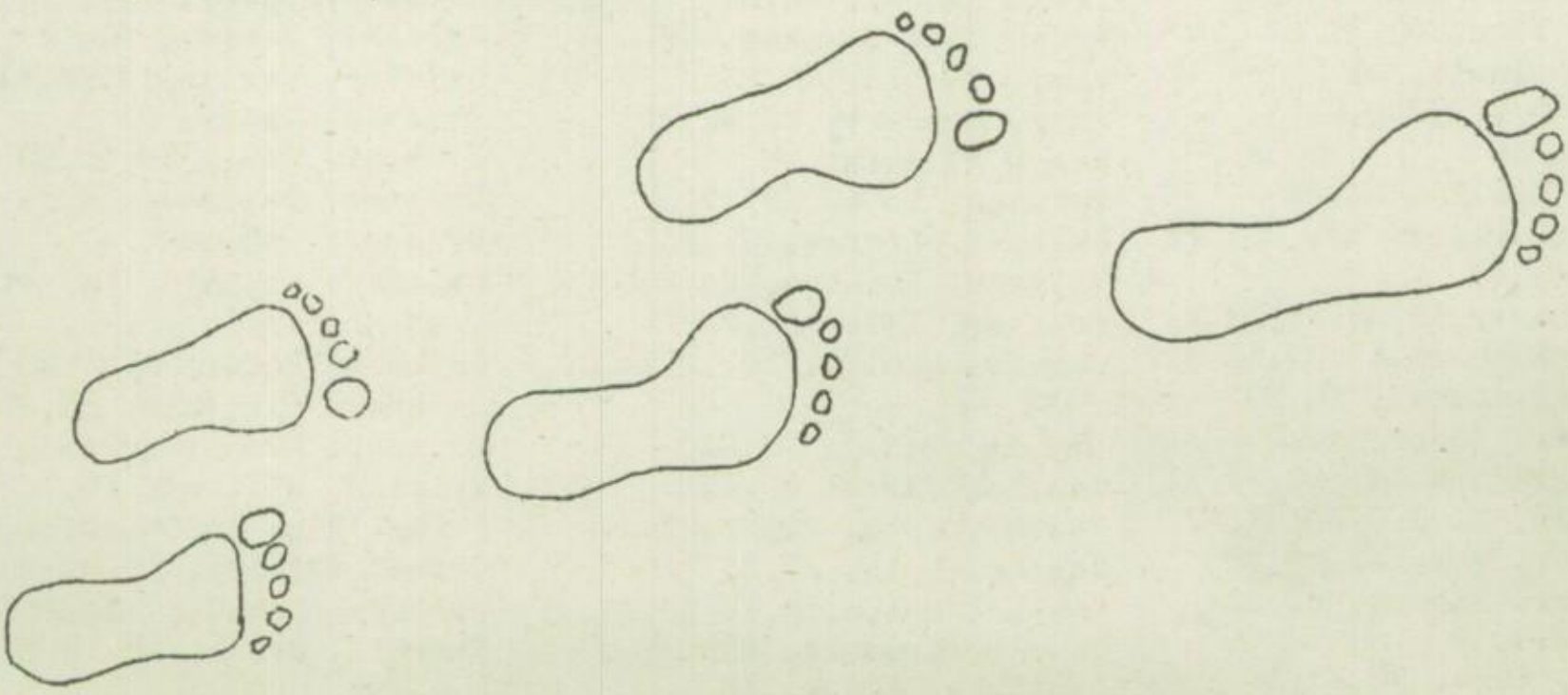

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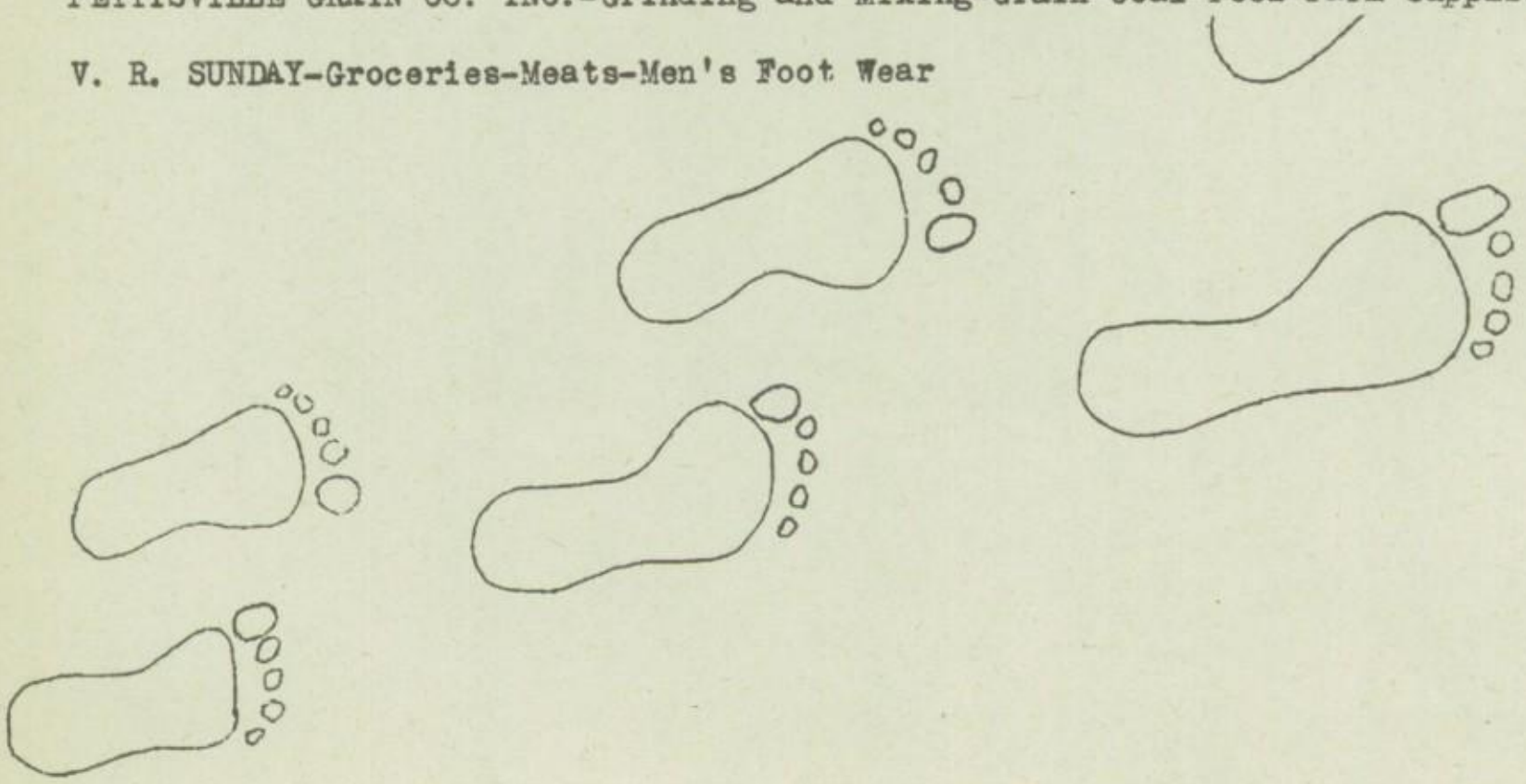


"And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."
— Longfellow.

Intramural Sports

The intramural sports committee, composed of Louis Haskell, Russel Liechty, Helen Roth, and Virginia Nofziger, arranged for five sports to be played this year. Volley ball, ping pong, horse shoe, soft ball, and basketball were all enjoyed by anyone who cared to participate.

Basketball, the first sport played, kept boys and girls alike from the fifth through the twelfth grades occupied for a good share of the winter. The championship games were very exciting. The junior boys beat the senior lads by a score of 20-15. The senior girls came out on top, however, by beating the junior girls 23 to 22. Much class spirit was aroused by these contests.

Volley ball was not played as a regular intramural game, but anyone who cared to join a game at noon was welcome to do so. During the same time volley ball was being played, a tournament of ping pong was set up. Anna Spengler and Richard Schmitz were the champs of the girls' and boys' tournaments.

The sophomore girls' softball team was the undisputed champion of the noon games. Arleta Miller, Bueta Yoder, Mary Alice Nofziger, Lois Beck, Anna Spengler, Lois Merillat, Marilyn Haskell, Imogene Beck, and Luana Leininger played on the team. Umpires were Glen Miller, Lowell Rupp, and Richard Grieser.

A horse shoe schedule was arranged, but was not completed before publication.

All winners were awarded letters that the Student Council bought.

Junior boys' basketball team:
Back row: Ed Short, Robert Miller, Lowell Rupp.
Front row: Haarry Bruner, Richard Grieser, Ed Grime.
Senior girls' basketball team:
Back row: Evelyn Merillat, Doris Waidelich, Helen Roth, Ada Miller.
Front row: Virginia Nofziger, Pauline Beck, Edna Kline, Virginia Rupp.
Ping pong champs:
Anna Spengler, Richard Schmitz.

Track Team

The members of this year's track team participated in four meets. Two triangular meets were held with Archbold and Fayette, in which the local thinclads captured second place once,and third the next.

The half-mile relay team, composed of Ed Grime, Louis Haskell, Russel Liechty, and Jim Grieser and Ernie Fowler alternating, pounced on two first places by winning in the triangular meets.

Liechty, the fastest man on the team, took first twice in the 100-yard dash and once in the 220-yard dash. Fowler was able to take two firsts in the pole vault. Haskell, Schmitz, and Grime each usually brought home a second place or two.

The Fulton County track meet, held May 17 at Delta, was won by Delta with 76 points. Swanton had 74 points, Archbold 44½, and Pettisville 17½. The meet was postponed from May 11 because of rain.

Although the local team won no firsts one second and two thirds were marked up to their credit. Grime shared a three-way tie for second place in the high jump, and placed fifth in the 100-yard dash. The half mile relay team won third place. L. Rupp was third in the 120-yard high hurdles. W. Nofziger took fourth in the shot put. The mile relay team placed fourth. Haskell won fourth place in the broad jump and fifth in the 220-yard dash. Fowler tied for fifth in the pole vault.

Standing: Coach Springer, Edward Grime, Louis Haskell, William Nofziger, James Grieser, Richard Schmitz.
Sitting: Ernest Fowler, Bob Eicher, Glenn Davis, Richard Rupp, Kenneth Nofziger.
Not on picture: Russel Liechty, Lowell Rupp.

Baseball

Although the Blackbirds came close to winning a couple of games this year, their season was made up of defeats. One of the most exciting games was the 2-1 decision made between the Blackbirds and the Fayette Eagles, in favor of Fayette. For their tournament games this spring, the Blackbirds competed with the Lyons club--and lost by a score of 11-3.

Boys who saw the most frequent action were William Nofziger, part time pitcher and catcher; Ed Grime, pitcher; Ed Short, part time catcher; Louis Haskell, first base; Richard Schmitz and Dick Rupp, alternating at second; Bob Eicher, short stop; William Nofziger and Dick Sharman at third base. The outfield was composed of Ernest Fowler, left field; Russel Liechty, center field; and Kenneth Nofziger, right field. Mr. Springer coached the team.

Softball

The junior high softball team, which was made up of seventh and eighth grade boys, won its first game by defeating the Tedrow nine 7-5.

The boys played four games during the season. Two were with Tedrow the second of which they lost. The two other games were with Chesterfield.

Coach Ray reports that the boys have shown great improvement and that he sees great prospects for next year's team winning a good percentage of their games.

Pettisville's batteries for the team were John Rychener, pitcher and Gerald Nafziger, catcher. Other members of the team were Jim Waidelich, Gary Nofziger, Donald Burkholder, Ralph Bruner, Ralph Gasche, Lowell Ayers, James Davis, and Darold Riegsecker.

Standing: Coach Springer, Edward Grime, Louis Haskell, James Grieser, William Nofziger, Edward Short, Russel Liechty, Norman Riegsecker.
Sitting: Glenn Davis, Richard Rupp, Bob Eicher, Kenneth Nofziger, Richard Schmitz, Ernest Fowler, Clarence Bruner.

Track Team

Baseball Team

Senior High Basketball Squad

Standing: Coach Springer, Kenneth Nofziger, Louis Haskell, James Grieser, Walter Pfund, Edward Grime, Richard Grieser.

Sitting: Richard Rupp, Bob Eicher, Ernest Fowler, Harry Bruner, Richard Schmitz, Clarence Bruner.

Although the Varsity suffered a season of nineteen losses and no victories, the boys were always out to give their rivals a good scrap. They came close to winning a few games, which were lost by only a couple of points.

The boys who most frequently saw action on the Varsity were Kenneth Nofziger, Louis Haskell, Jim Grieser, Ed Grime, Richard Grieser, Richard Schmitz, and Ernest Fowler.

The Reserves chalked up three victories, however, by defeating Chesterfield once and Fayette twice. Leading scorers were Ernest Fowler, Bob Eicher, and Harry Bruner.

In spite of the poor results, the boys did show much improvement in the latter part of the season, for which great credit goes to the coach and to the boys' efforts.

Junior High Basketball Squad

Standing: Coach Springer, Glenn Davis, John Rychener, Ralph Gasche, James Waidelich, Richard Rupp.

Sitting: Ralph Bruner, Paul Grieser, Gary Nofziger. Absent: Roger Gilson.

This was the first year for many seasons that a regular practice and game schedule existed for a junior high basketball team. In spite of this fact the little Blackbirds came through their season with the best record of all teams this year. They won four out of ten games. For their tournament game they competed with Delta, who outscored them.

Members of the team and their positions follow: Roger Gilson, center; Dick Rupp, guard; Glenn Davis, guard; Ralph Bruner, forward; and John Rychener, forward. Substitutes were Gary Nofziger, Paul Grieser, Ralph Gasche, Jim Waidelich.

The boys who won junior high letters in basketball are as follows: Dick Rupp, Roger Gilson, Glenn Davis, Ralph Bruner, John Rychener, and Jim Waidelich.

The members of this team came from the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades.

Cheerleaders

Senior high cheerleaders (1 n picture above): Marilyn Haskell, L u a n a Leininger, Anna Spengler, and Betty Eicher.

Junior high cheerleaders (In picture at left): Edith Haskell, June Gilson.

Boosters

Standing: Marilyn Haskell, Betty Eicher, Anna Spengler, Luana Leininger.
Sitting: Lucille Leininger, Betty Raker, Joan Rupp.

From the point of view of the basketball teams, the Booster Committee is one of the most important organizations in the school. Before each game this group has the responsibility of preparing for the players colorful and suitable favors, bearing the sticks of gum which is an essential item of each player's equipment for a basketball game. Among the many favors made this year were the following especially interesting ones: a sock with the words "Sock 'em hard!," a pair of black boxing gloves with "Fight 'em!" written in white ink, and a bowl and wooden spoon, carrying the words "Beat 'em!"

Large posters were made and put up in the dressing room to remind the boys to "Break through that line!" and to give other encouragement to the players.

Two feeds were given the team. A Christmas supper was held in December, at which time the Boosters decorated the home economics room with red and green crepe paper, fir branches, and colored candles. Soft music was played on a record player as the boys ate tasty food which had been prepared for them. A banquet was given the boys in the auditorium after the season was finished.

The mothers of the Boosters helped in the preparation of the meal.

Betty Raker served as head Booster for the 1947-48 basketball season.

Four girls were chosen as cheerleaders this year, for the first time in the history of the school. This group was headed by Luana Leininger.

The girls did an outstanding job of leading the cheering for the basketball boys, and they also succeeded in getting the school body to "really yell" at pep meetings. At nearly every meeting the school song, "Fight For Dear Old Pettisville," was sung.

They used many new yells and formations which would have been impossible to perform without four leaders. "How do ya like your cabbage?" "With an F" and "Boom-a-chick-a-boom" were three of the new yells used.

The girls made for their cheering apparel white wool dresses, with full skirts, trimmed with the black letters P. H. S. on the left shoulder. Their tights were black, and they wore black and white saddle shoes.

Sports

Student Council

Top Row: Fern Moll, Sarah Jane Robinson, Lois Beck, Mr. Gottschalk, Walter Pfund, Bob Eicher, Shirley Nofziger, Glenda Frey, Robert Yoder.
Bottom Row: Geneva Rupp, Helen Roth, Donna Sauder, Louis Haskell, Virginia Nofziger, William Nofziger, Jueldine Nofziger.

A series of assembly programs was sponsored by the Student Council this y e a r. This group was also responsible for setting up a good intramural sports program. Sales tax stamps were collected to pay for letters. Officers were Louis Haskell, president; Virginia Nofziger, vice-president; and Donna Sauder, secretary-treasurer.

Office Workers

Standing: Doris Leininger, Virginia Rupp, Ada Miller, Helen Roth.
Sitting: Edna Kline, Betty Raker, Ila Mae Zimmerman, Amelia Gasche, Florence Roth, Miss Weber.

Typing 2 students, in order to earn their full credit for the subject, each spent one period a day in one of the offices doing secretarial work for the teachers.

Pet Echoes Staff

Standing: Marilyn Haskell, Arleta Miller, Luana Leininger.
Sitting: Betty Baker, Imogene Beck, Anna Spengler, Edith Rychener, Miss Wyse, Louis Haskell.

The journalism class, besides publishing Pet Echoes weekly, collected the vital statistics necessary for a complete alumni record.

Four members of the class attended the Northwestern Ohio District Journalism Association convention at Bowling Green State University in April.

Library Staff

Standing: Pauline Beck, Miss Wyse, Virginia Nofziger, Mary Alice Nofziger, Anna Nofziger, Martha Miller, Louis Haskell, Russel Liechty, Charles Beck.
Sitting: Lois Gisel, Virginia Rupp, Helen Roth, Ada Miller, Patty Nofziger, William Nofziger.

The library staff and bookmenders did their usual routine jobs. Lois Gisel was head librarian; Bernice Rupp, Anna Nofziger, Lois Gisel, and Mary Alice Nofziger mended books. These four girls were responsible for checking in state books distributed by the Delta library.

Instrumental Group

Top Row: Mary Overmyer, Elaine Rupp, Geneva Rupp, Sarah Jane Robinson, Phyllis Schmucker, Mary Alice Leupp, Edith Haskell, June Gilson, Elaine Rychener, Barbara First, Edna Kline, Shirley Wanner, Mr. Edington.

Middle Row: Glenn Davis, Bob Eicher, Louis Haskell, Doris Leininger, L u a n a Leininger, Betty Eicher, Marilyn Haskell, Edith Rychener, L. J. Burkholder, Ernest Fowler, Clarence Bruner, John Rychener, Ralph Gasche, Charles Davis, Arvada Schantz, Charles Schmucker, Lucille Leininger.

Bottom Row: John Gasche, Neil Weber, Shari Weber, Ralph Bruner, Delight Grieser, Carol Vonier, Claudette Rupp, Arlene Schultz, Mabel Ann Rupp, Elaine Rupp, Anne Campbell, Junior Beck, Harold Schultz, Roger Schmitz, Anna Spengler, Fern Moll.

Through the effort of Mr. Edington a n d musically minded students, Pettisville School again had a b a n d after a lapse of several years. In reality, there were two bands. The larger o n e was composed of beginners. When members of the junior band had advanced far enough, they were put into the senior band.

The combined bands t o o k active part in musical events of this school during the past year. Several numbers were played at the Music Boosters' meetings. The band played the processional march at the Commencement exercises and also took part in the Memorial Day program.

In the spring, Mr. Edington appointed Luana Leininger drum major. Mary Jo Miley, Barbara First, Elaine Rupp, Shirley Meyers, and Kathryn Krieger were the majorettes. This group also performed for the Music Boosters.

Plans are being made to organize a chorus and band this summer. A concert will be given by this group the last part of June.

A small group of strings were started by Mr. Edington in t h e fall. Mostly grade children were in this ensemble. A string quartet gave a performance once at a meeting of the Music Boosters.

Everyone hopes that next year enough interest is shown to allow a marching band to again be organized.

Twirlers

Left to right:
Luana Leininger
Mary Jo Miley
Kathryn Krieger
Elaine Rupp
Barbara First
Shirley Meyers

Music Groups

Music Groups

Many and varied were the music groups begun in school this year. An organization called the Music Boosters was set up by parents and others interested in seeing music gain more prominance in school life. This is the first time any such group has been organized. It met regularly once each month, and a program was usually planned to show the progress made by the young musicians.

In the late fall, Mr. Edington arranged to have a demonstration by a representative of the Lyons Band Company of Chicago given in the school auditorium. This man gave talks on various instruments, and gave examples of how groups similar to the Music Boosters operated in other schools.

The officers were George Robinson, president; Earl Weber, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Grieser, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Rychener, publicity chairman; Mrs. Earl Beber, program chairman; and Mrs. Joe Vonier, ways and means chairman. All these officers were re-elected for next year.

The Music Boosters served two dinners during the winter. One was for the Holstein Dairy Breeders' Association, and the other for the Fulton County 4-H Club advisers. Proceeds from these dinners have been banked toward the future buying of new uniforms for the band.

A clarinet quartet which performed at several Music Boosters meetings was organized. Elaine Rychener, Betty Eicher, Doris Leininger, and Edith Haskell composed this group.

Three vocal and one piano soloist traveled to Bowling Green to the district music contest held there this spring. Bob Eicher, who sang "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes," was rated very good. "Sing Me a Chanty," the solo by Louis Haskell, won him an excellent rating. Edith Rychener, singing "O Rest in the Lord," was rated as superior. She then went to Columbus to the state contest and again received a superior rating.

Betty Eicher accompanied her brother at the contest, while Miss Weber played for the other two soloists.

Elaine Rychener, a sixth grader, played the piano solo, Paderewski's "Minuet," and received a very good rating in the district contest.

"Little David," as sung by the mixed octet, won them an excellent rating at the contest in Bowling Green. This group, composed of Helen Roth, Doris Leininger, Lucille Leininger, Donna Sauder, Louis Haskell, William Nofziger, Glen Miller, and Russel Liechty, also sang several numbers for the Music Boosters at one of their meetings. Miss Weber was this ensemble's accompanist.

A girl's trio, made up of Luana Leininger, Anna Spengler, and Marilyn Haskell, sang "Celito Lindo" at Bowling Green, and received a very good rating. Betty Eicher played for these three girls.

Clarinet quartet, upper left picture:
Betty Eicher, Doris Leininger, Elaine Rychener, Edith Haskell.
Officers of the Music Boosters, upper right picture:
George Robinson, president; Mrs. Kenneth Grieser, secretary and treasurer.
Soloists, center left picture:
Back row: Bob Eicher, Louis Haskell, accompanist Betty Eicher.
Front row: Edith Rychener, Elaine Rychener.
Octet, center right:
Back row: Accompanist Miss Weber, Louis Haskell, Glen Miller, William Nofziger, Russel Liechty.
Front row: Donna Sauder, Doris Leininger, Helen Roth, Lucille Leininger.
Trio, Bottom:
Luana Leininger, Marilyn Haskell, Anna Spengler.

Glee Clubs

Top Row: Shirley Grime, Mary Overmeyer, Betty Raker, Donna Sauder, Lois Gisel, Martha Miller, Marilyn Gearig, Anna Nofziger, Margie Burkholder, Betty Eicher, Colleen Grieser, Anna Spengler, Marilyn Haskell, Luana Leininger, Emogene Zimmerman, Virginia Rupp, Fern Moll.

Middle Row: Mr. Edington, Sarah Jane Robinson, Edith Rychener, Arvada Schantz, Florence Roth, Patty Nofziger, Doris Leininger, Lucille Leininger, Evelyn Merillat, Helen Roth, Amelia Gasche, Imogene Beck, Lois Merillat, Carol Burkholder, Ada Miller, Arlene Beck, Arleta Miller, Rosa Waidelich.

Bottom Row: Pauline Beck, Virginia Nofziger, Lois Beck, Geneva Rupp, Valetta Beck, Ila Mae Zimmerman, Martha May Zimmerman, Bueta Yoder, Mary Alice Nofziger, Edna Kline, Joan Rupp.

Standing: Mr. Edington, William Nofziger, Lowell Rupp, Norman Riegsecker, Charles Beck, Clarence Bruner, Ernest Fowler, Russel Liechty, James Grieser, Dale Schrock, Robert Miller.

Sitting: Edward Short, Harry Bruner, Bob Eicher, Vincent Frey, Lester King, Glenn Davis, Kenneth Nofziger, Richard Gautsche, Walter Pfund.

Mixed Chorus

Top Row: Kenneth Nofziger, Arvada Schantz, Lois Merillat, Lucille Leininger, Helen Roth, William Nofziger, Robert Miller, Walter Pfund, James Grieser, Doris Leininger, Evelyn Merillat, Florence Roth, Virginia Rupp, Virginia Nofziger.

Middle Row: Lowell Rupp, Dale Schrock, Edward Short, Glenn Davis, Clarence Bruner, Bob Eicher, Marilyn Haskell, Joan Rupp, Edna Kline, Betty Eicher, Colleen Grieser, Luana Leininger, Edith Rychener, Harry Bruner, Vincent Frey, Mary Overmeyer, Louis Haskell, Russel Liechty, Norman Riegsecker, Mr. Edington.

Bottom Row: Lester King, Richard Gautsche, Bueta Yoder, M a r y Alice Nofziger, Valetta Beck, Arleta Miller, Lois Gisel, Charles Beck, Ernest Fowler.

For the first time in four years, a mixed chorus, consisting of 43 voices, was organized. Mr. Edington, part-time music teacher, directed this group of voices one period each week.

Three people from each part entered the County Music Festival held at Archbold on March 12. Those participating f r o m this group were Edith Rychener, Edna Kline, Virginia Rupp, Helen Roth, Lucille Leininger, Doris Leininger, Betty Eicher, Bueta Yoder, Russel Liechty, Lowell Rupp, Norman Riegsecker, Bob Eicher, Glen Miller, and Clarence Bruner. The selections they sang were "Oh, Lord, We Worship Thee," by Bach; "Early O n e Morning," by Christy; "Thy Blessings Father," by Johnson; and "Blue Skies" by Berlin.

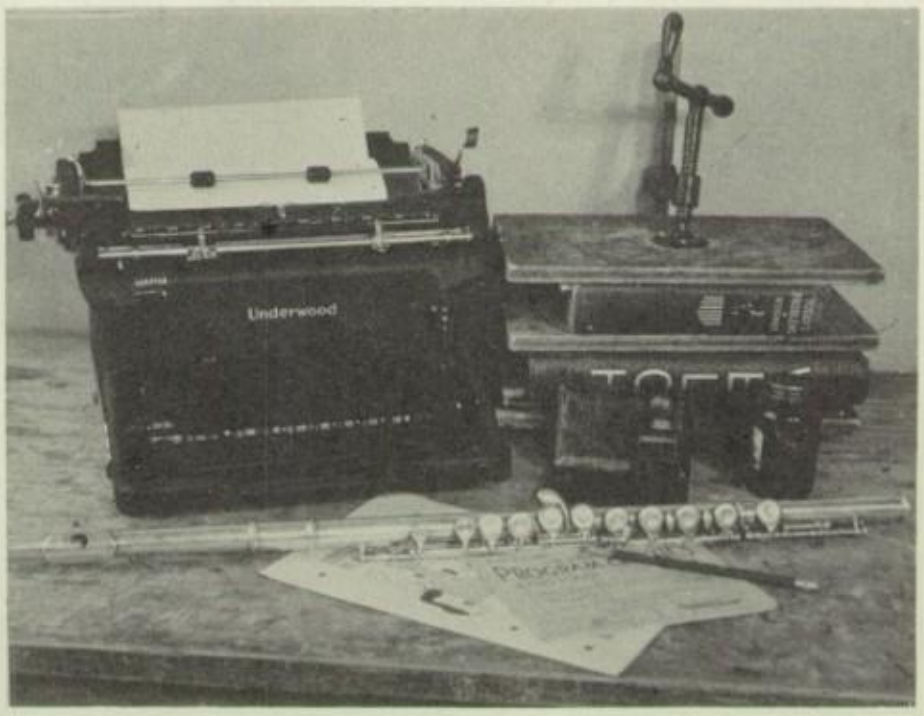
This group contributed several numbers for the programs given for the Music Boosters. Thirty-five members of the chorus also entered the music contest at Ada, Ohio, on April 17. They tied for first place with Willshire. As a result of this, the chorus traveled to Columbus May 7 and won a superior rating in the state contest.

An ensemble, a trio, and several soloists, all members of the choir, participated in t h e music contest at Bowling Green. Edith Rychener placed in the first division there, and also received a superior rating at Columbus.

The boys' and girls' glee clubs also met once a week. Those singing in t h e County Music Festival from this group were Imogene Beck, Geneva Rupp, Donna Sauder, Bernice Rupp, Betty Raker, Patty Nofziger, Colleen Grieser, Evelyn Merillat, and Lois Gisel. "Robin in the Rain," by C a i n; "Awake 'Tis Spring," by Elliott; "Song of the Brook," by Schubert; "What a Lovely Day," by Federer; a n d "Oh Shepherdess Fickle," by Selleur were their selections.

Betty Eicher was the accompanist for the chorus and both glee clubs.

Organizations



Kindergarten

Top Row: Nancy Grieser, William Frey, Jerry Vonier, George Taylor, Allen Nofziger, Donelda Nofziger, Judy Short, Roger Beck, Kenneth Nofziger, Bonnie Miller, Connie Bingman, Mrs. Short.

Middle Row: Louise Miller, Roseyn Rychener, Clement Campbell, Joey Nofziger, Jean Westhoven, Karen Gearig, Rita Suzanne Frey, Paul Avina, David Nofziger, Rosie Avina, Karin Lantz.

Bottom Row: Jimmy Meyers, Ernestine Short, Bonnie Lou Short, Jackson Rychener, Dianne Nofziger, Carolyn Beck, James Roth, Marvin Nofziger.

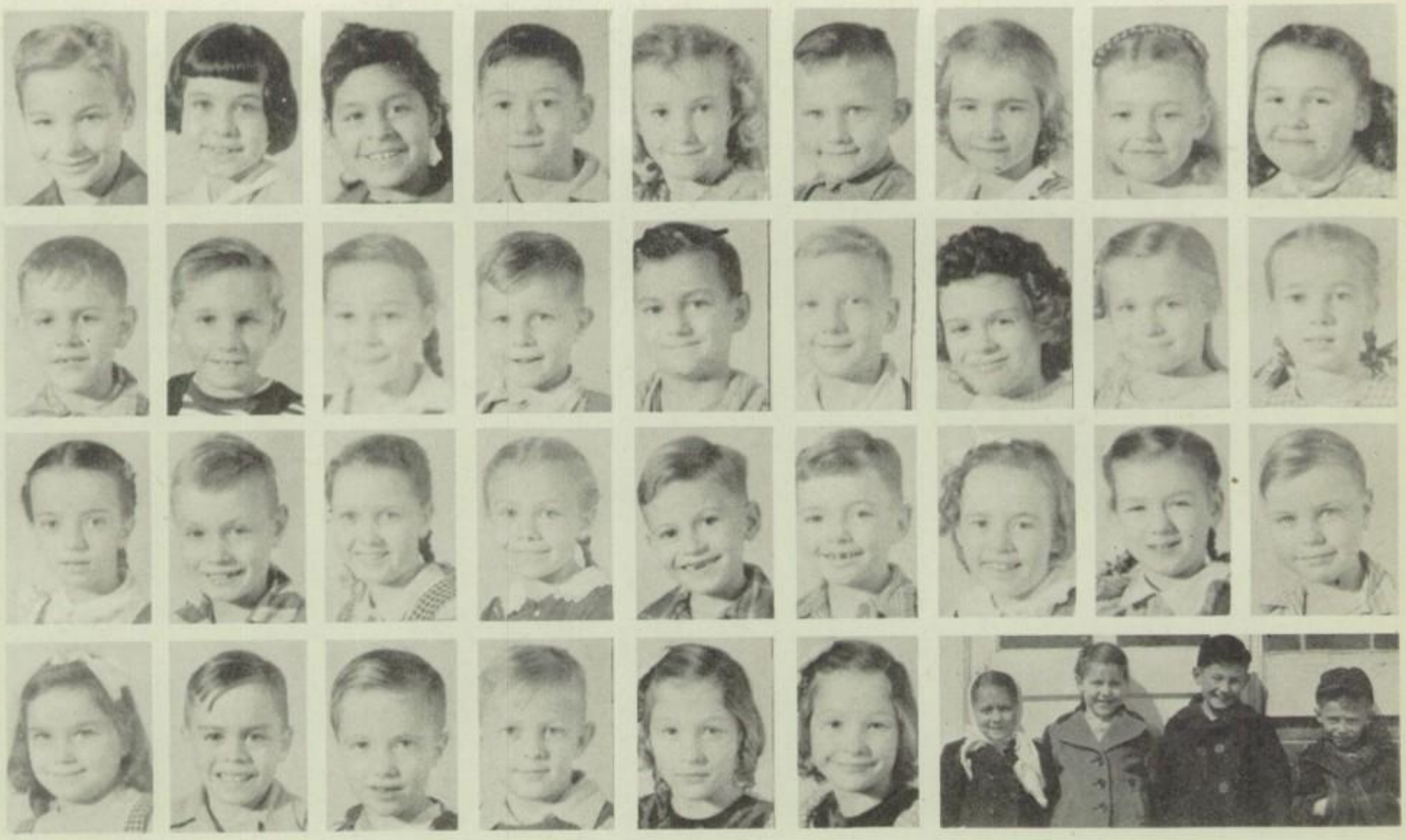
In Small Picture: Duane Rychener, Gerald Weber, Donald Davis.

After having taught the first grade for two years, Mrs. Short resigned her position because of her marriage; but she was prevailed upon to take over the past year since it involved only half-time work.

Although school life was something very new for the thirty-three boys and girls of this class, they had great fun learning to color, draw, and play together.

It seemed the custom, whenever a kindergartener had a birthday, for his, or her mother to send something along to school for the whole class to eat. They enjoyed many parties of this sort. Besides birthday parties this class had Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter parties. Milk was served each day at recess time. Usually crackers or cookies were eaten with it.

A few boys and girls of this group participated in the Christmas program given in December.



Second Grade

Mrs. Schroeder was the teacher of the thirty-seven pupils enrolled in the second grade. There w e r e seventeen boys and twenty girls in this group.

The home economics 4 class gave the children an "Indian Party" in the fall. They also enjoyed a Halloween party with all the usual decorations.

All enjoyed preparing a n d acting their p a r t s in the operetta given at Christmas time by the first, second, and third grades. Some of the class were in a program given for the Music Boosters, too. They along with the first grade and Kindergarten gave a musical dramatization.

Exchanging gifts at t h e Christmas party was a lot of fun for everyone, too. They enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree for the occasion.

A nicely decorated box held the valentines t h e second graders brought to their friends and teacher at their party.

At different seasons of the year, they decorated their windows. A t Christmas time, t h e y made Christmas candles and wreaths for them. In March, the decora- t i o n s consisted of windmills and, in April, pretty yellow daffodils were put up.

To end the year happily, they enjoyed a picnic in the woods on the last day of school.

Top Row: Michael Andrews, Conchita Avina, Deloris Avina, Ronald Beck, Lucinda Fowler, Cristy Gearig, Rosemary Gearig, Nadina Gisel, Phyllis Graber.
Third Row: Kennard Grieser, Larry Grieser, Charlene King, Jimmy Miller, Virgil Miller, Lynwood Mininger, Betty Moll, Carolyn Nafziger, Rachel Nafziger.
Second Row: Deloris Nofziger, Corwin Nofziger, Marilyn Nofziger, Geneva Rufenacht, Daryl Rupp, Gregory Rupp, Janet Rupp, Mary Alice Sauder, James Schrock.
Bottom Row: Janet Schmucker, LaRue Short, Paul Wagner, Jan Weber, Carolyn Zimmerman, Marilyn Zimmerman, Marlene Roth, Mona May Nofziger, Mervin Beck, Everett Short.

First Grade

Thirty-four boys and girls were enrolled in the first grade with Mrs. Lindley as their teacher. This was her first year in the first grade room as she had previously taught the second grade.

The home economics 4 class prepared a party for the class in the fall with a "Down on the Farm" theme. The children also enjoyed a Christmas party with a gift exchange.

The class helped to present an operetta, "The Shepherds' Christmas," at Christmas time. Some of the first graders were carolers and Wise Men and the others were in the chorus.

The first g r a d e had a Valentine exchange and a pretty, decorated box for the valentines.

Many of the boys and girls took part in a musical dramatization presented at one of the spring meetings of the Music Boosters.

Top Row: Frank Avina, Curtis Baer, Richard Beck, Marlin Britsch, Joan Davis, Loraine Friesen, Terry Gottschalk, Wauneta Grieser, Kenneth Hartman.
Third Row: David Miley, Marvin Miller, Freddy Munoz, Judith Nafziger, Kenneth Nafziger, Rhoda Nafziger, Barbara Nofziger, Rodney Nofziger, Roger Reynolds.
Second Row: Marilyn Richer, Doyle Robinson, Joyce Roth, Margaret Rufenacht, Allen Rupp, Robert Rupp, Douglas Rychener, James Rychener.
Bottom Row: Tommy Rychener, BeEtta Short, Marlene Thierry, Larry Thrasher, Donald Waidelich, Bobby Wanner, Marvin Zimmerman, Errol Nofziger, Paul Sturpe.

Fourth Grade

One of the largest grades in school was the fourth grade which had an enrollment of thirty-three. This grade had a good start last fall by getting new geography books. For selling vegetable and flower seeds, each pupil received a free packet of seed.

In November the fourth grade presented a playlet, "Discord in the Cellar," This was their contribution to the Thanksgiving program given by the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

This grade enjoyed a Christmas party at which they had a gift exchange. In February they had a Valentine party.

Several members of this class sang in the grade choir. They were Garold Beck, Joyce Grieser, Kathryn Krieger, Paul Gilson, Mary Ellen Short, Neil Weber, Paul Short, Janeth Nofziger, Loretta Rupp, Carolyn Rufenacht, Ronald Nofziger, Glenden Rupp, Larry Rychener, and Robert Robinson.

Three pupils, Neil Weber, Joyce Grieser, and John Gasche of this class, took instrumental lessons under the direction of Mr. Edington, Neil on the baritone; Joyce, clarinet; and John, trumpet.

Miss Sadie Miller was again teacher of the fourth grade.

Top Row: Garold Beck, Dale Davis, Ruth Fowler, Lyle Friesen, John Gasche, Paul Gilson, LaMar Gisel, Berneda Grieser.
Third Row: Joyce Grieser, Larry Grieser, Roger Grieser, Kathryn Krieger, Dale Miller, Leon Nafziger, Burdell Nofziger, Dean Nofziger.
Second Row: Denver Nofziger, Janeth Nofziger, Ronald Nofziger, James Reynolds, Robert Robinson, Carolyn Rufenacht, Helen Rufenacht, Glenden Rupp, Loretta Rupp.
Bottom Row: Larry Rychener, Ray Schrock, Mary Ellen Short, Paul Short, Neil Weber, Marilyn Wyse, Charles Yoder, Roger Lee Zimmerman, Janice Nofziger.

Third Grade

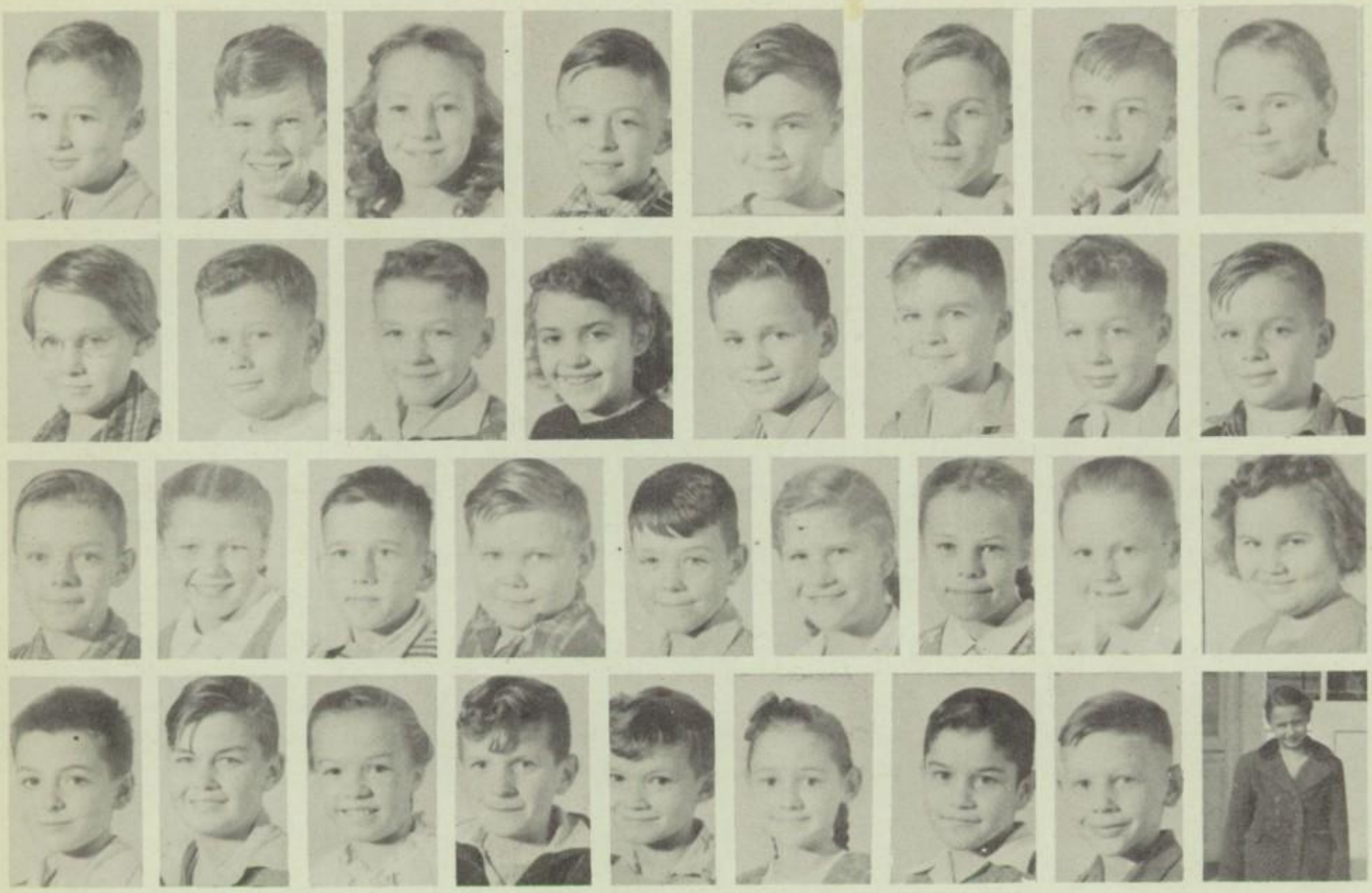
This class had an enrollment of thirty pupils. It also boasted of two teachers in one year. Miss Virginia Miller, the original teacher of the group, resigned in November. Mrs. Springer completed the year as teacher of the grade. In the spring a new member entered the class. She was Esther Sturpe, who came from Indiana.

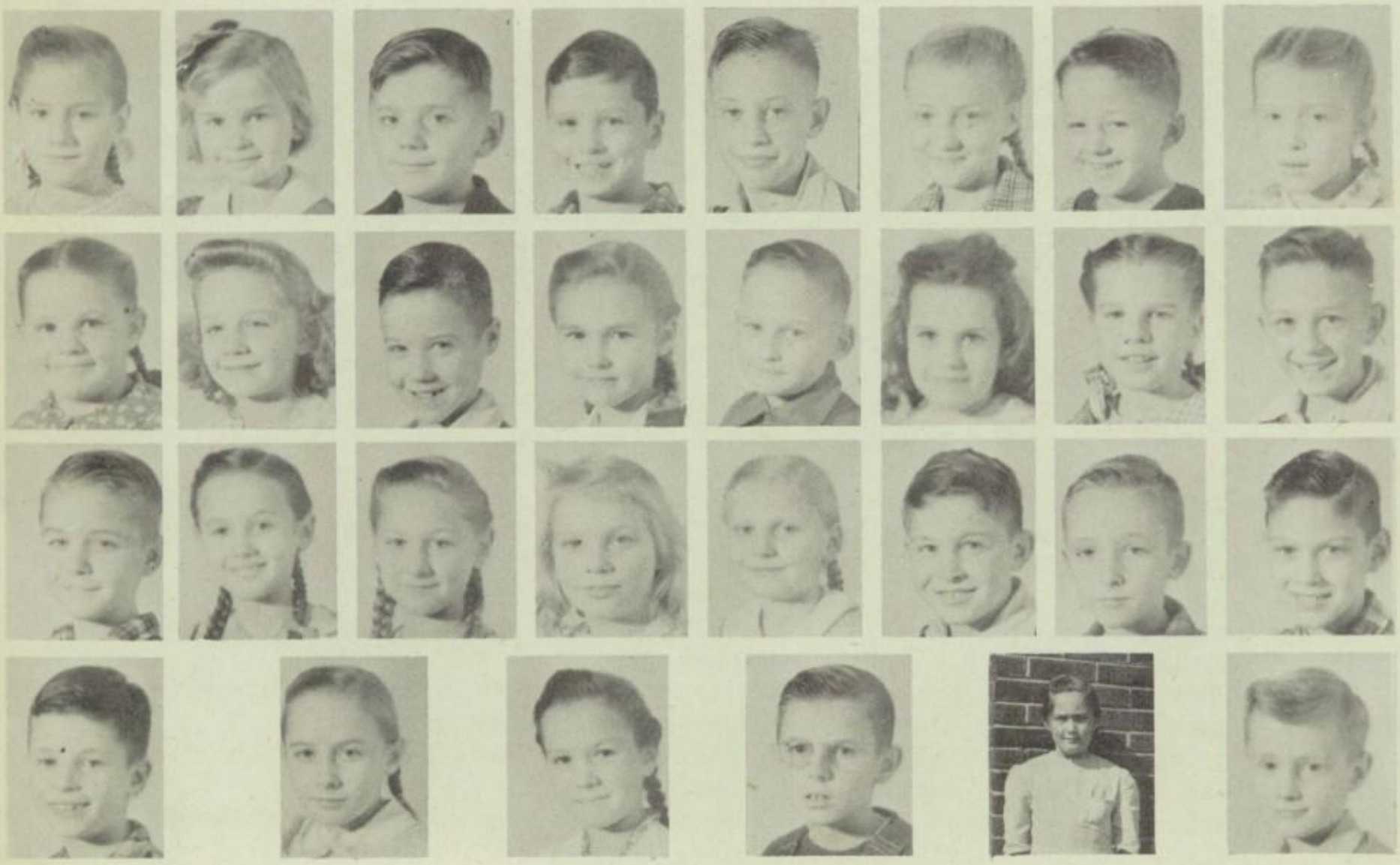
The third grade was a very active class. They made their own health books and had a health contest. This spring the class discovered there were some poets in their midst. Who knows? Maybe some day, a few of these pupils may become famous poets!

A Christmas operetta was given by the third grade with the first and second grades also taking part. The name of the operetta was "Shepherds' Christmas."

This grade had three parties during the year. In October they had a Halloween party. They made their own ornaments for the Christmas tree that they had in their room. A Valentine party was enjoyed by the class and on the last day of school this class held a picnic.

Top Row: Fern Beck, Suzan Beck, Vern Beck, David Blosser, Robert Burkholder, Eunice Frey, Ronald Frey, Louise Friesen.
Third Row: Bonnie Gearig, Lois Gasche, Lowell Gilson, Evelyn Kauffman, LaMar Miller, Marlene Miller, Janice Nafziger, Daryl Nofziger.
Second Row: Lowell Nofziger, Sharon Nofziger, Verlene Nofziger, Dorothy Raker, Shirley Reynolds, Kenneth Rufenacht, William Rupp, Joe Rychener.
Bottom Row: Lowell Schultz, Geraldine Short, Marlene Short, Merrill Short, Esther Sturpe, Roger Vonier.





Sixth Grade

The sixth grade, taught by Mrs. W. H. Rychener, was the smallest in school this year. There were only nineteen members in the class.

During the year they held two class parties, a Thanksgiving party, followed by a Christmas party. They also shared the honors of giving the annual Thanksgiving program with the fourth and fifth grades.

For the boys it was the first year they were allowed to take part in intramural basketball. All the boys played on the team at various times. Richard Grieser, a junior, was coach for the squad.

Shari Weber, Elaine Rychener, Shirley Wanner, and L. J. Burkholder were members of this year's school band. The boys and girls from this grade who sang in the grade chorus were Elaine Rychener, Donnabelle Riegsecker, L. J. Burkholder, Shari Weber, Norma Nofziger, Eugene Richer, Shirley Wanner, and Margaret Rupp. Mrs. Porter directed this group.

One of the things that will never be forgotten by the members of the class is the bobsled tragedy during the winter in which their classmate, Marlin Grieser, lost his life, together with his brother and two sisters.

Top Row: Betty Beck, Dorothy Beck, Jean Beck, Donald Burkholder, L.J. Burkholder, Irma Campbell, Marlin Grieser, Kenneth Miller.
Middle Row: Norma Nofziger, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Eugene Richer, Mabel Ann Roth, Mary Louise Rufenacht, Betty Jane Rupp, Margaret Rupp, Elaine Rychener.
Bottom Row: Leon Waidelich, Shirley Ann Wanner, Rachel Frey, Shari Weber.

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade which began the school year with 35 members ended the year with only 34 pupils. The class was saddened by the death of Arlene Grieser, who was killed in the train-bobsled accident which occured on January 4.

The first important activity that the class participated in was the Thanksgiving program, in which they gave a short play entitled, "Cranberries with Love." They all enjoyed the Christmas exchange party, which took place before vacation; and also the Valentine party in February.

In the spring a grade choir was started in which the following members took part: Donald Beck, Shirley Short, Howard Snyder, Anne Campbell, Judith Weber, Virginia Grieser, John E. Merillat, Charles Rupp, Junior Beck, Phyllis Miller, Roger Schmitz, Janette Gearig, Mabel Ann Rupp, Richard Nofziger, Elaine Rupp, Irene King, Mary Alice King, Nancy Nofziger, and Glenn Kauffman.

In the fall of the year the fifth and sixth grades had a flower show in which they displayed flowers grown from the packet of seeds they received the year before and also flowers from their gardens.

Elaine Rupp got second prize for flowers from her packet collection and Jimmy Rupp got second for his garden collection.

They also sold seeds this year, and Judith Weber received first prize while Junior Beck got second prize.

Top Row: Donald Beck, Junior Beck, William Beck, Donna Burkholder, Anne Campbell, Charles Davis, Carl Frey, Billy Gasche, James Gasche.
Third Row: Janette Gearig, Arlene Grieser, Lovina Grieser, Virginia Grieser, Glenn Kauffman, Irene King, Mary Alice King, Roger Krieger, John Merillat.
Second Row: Phyllis Miller, Nancy Nafziger, Richard Nafziger, John Pfund, Roger Roth, Charles Rupp, Elaine Rupp, Jimmy Rupp.
Bottom Row: Mabel Ann Rupp, Roger Schmitz, Charles Schmucker, Harold Schultz, Louise Schultz, Shirley Short, Howard Snyder, Gene Weber, Judith Weber.

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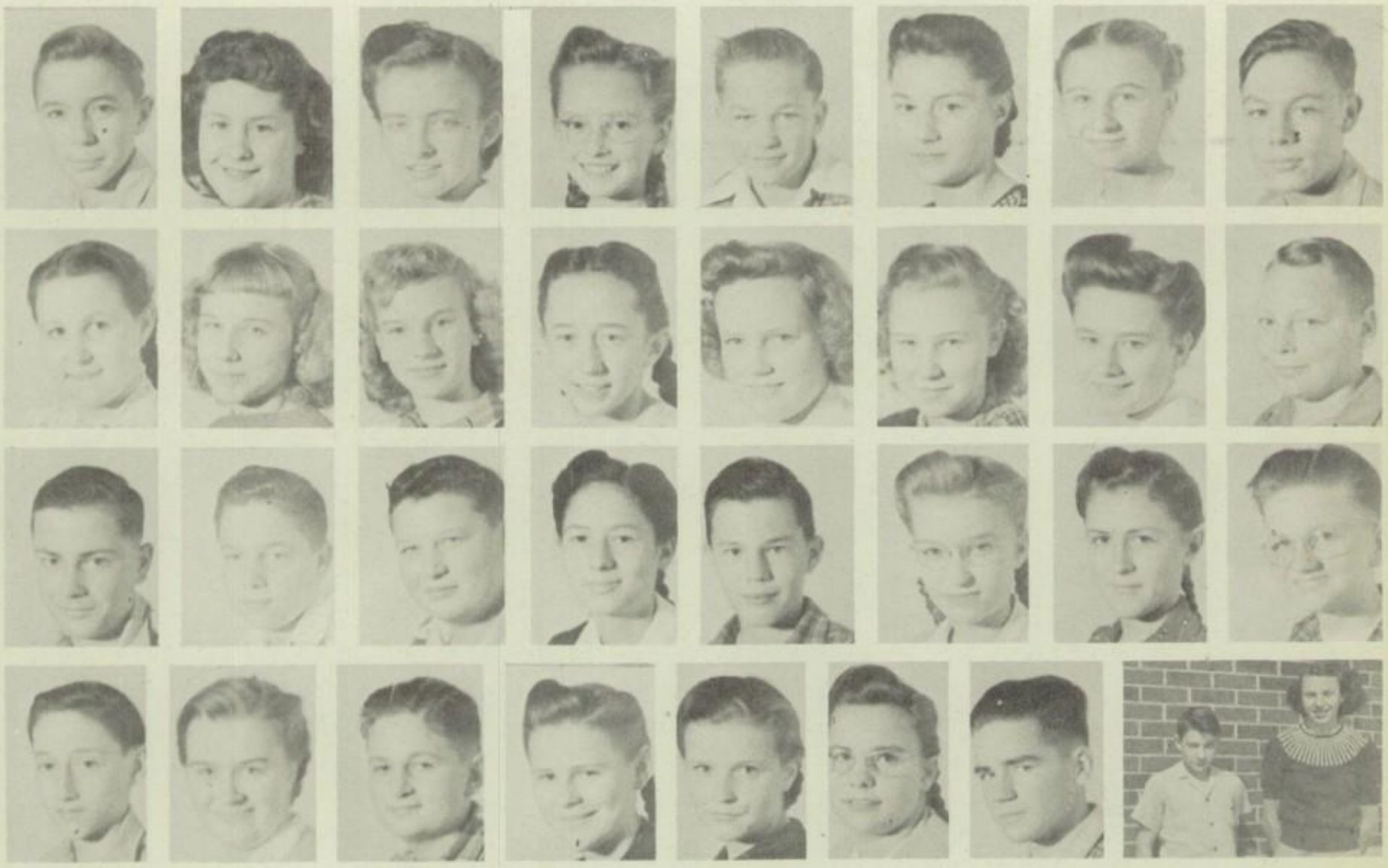


Seventh Grade

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade started their school year last fall by electing class officers. They chose John Rychener, president; Edith Haskell, vice president; and Ralph Gasche, secretary and treasurer. They also elected Glenda Frey and Shirley Nofziger to represent them in the Student Council, and Mr. Springer as their class sponsor.

Highlights of the year for the eighth graders were the class parties. They enjoyed a Halloween party in November, a Valentine party in February, and a joint party with the ninth grade in the spring.

The top scores from the eighth grade tests were quite close. John Rychener and Phyllis Frey tied for first. Glenda Frey was second and Ralph Gasche third.

One new student, Wesley Wyse, entered the eighth grade during the school year.

This class was also quite active in sports. Four eighth graders played regularly on the junior high basketball team. They were John Rychener, Ralph Bruner, Ralph Gasche, and James Waidelich. This class was also well represented on the softball team. Ralph Gasche, Ralph Bruner, John Rychener, James Waidelich, Gerald Nafziger, Darold Riegsecker, and Colenzo Short all played on that team.

Edith Haskell and June Gilson were the junior high cheerleaders.

Top Row: Ralph Bruner, Barbara First, Glenda Frey, Marilyn Frey, Merle Frey, Phyllis Frey, Lois Friesen, Ralph Gasche.
Third Row: Ellyn Gearig, June Gilson, Edith Haskell, Erma King, Nina Kretzer, Mary Alice Leupp, Annagene Miller, Ervin Miller.
Second Row: Marlin Miller, Gerald Nafziger, Melvin Nofziger, Shirley Nofziger, Darold Riegsecker, Clemma Roth, Marcile Rupp, John Rychener.
Bottom Row: Orval Sauder, Rosetta Schrock, Colenzo Short, Evelyn Short, Louesn Short, Gladys Spangler, James Waidelich, Wesley Wyse, Hazel Ayers.

Seventh Grade

The seventh grade started this year with thirty-two pupils, but one boy, Robert Yoder, dropped out on February 18 because of illness. Their class officers were Robert Yoder, president; Gary Nofziger, vice president; and Jueldine Nofziger, secretary and treasurer. They also chose Mr. Gottschalk to be their class sponsor and Robert Yoder and Jueldine Nofziger to represent them in the Student Council.

The class was quite musically inclined. Phyllis Schmucker, Delight Grieser, Carol Vonier, Claudette Rupp, and Arlene Schultz each began the study of an instrument and became members of the junior band. Four girls in the class, Elaine Rupp, Mary Jo Miley, Shirley Meyers, and Lelah Raker, took up baton twirling.

Only a few boys from the seventh grade were active in sports. Two boys, Gary Nofziger, and Paul Grieser, played on the junior high basketball team. Gary Nofziger and Waldo Aeschliman also played on the softball team in the spring.

Among the social events that the seventh graders enjoyed were a Christmas and a Valentine party.

Top Row: Waldo Aeschliman, Lowell Ayers, Doris Beck, Marlin Beck, James Davis, Betty Fowler, Harlan Gearig, Laura Jane Gearig, Lavonne Gisel.
Third Row: Delight Grieser, Junior Grieser, Pauline Grieser, Shirley Meyers, Mary Jo Miley, Marilouise Miller, Marilyn Miller, Mary Ellen Nafziger, Jueldine Nofziger.
Second Row: Marilyn Nofziger, Merrill Nofziger, Richard Nofziger, Nancy Porter, Lelah Raker, Doris Rufenacht, Claudette Rupp, Phyllis Schmucker.
Bottom Row: Arlene Schultz, Carol Vonier, Glenn Wyse, Paul Wyse, Robert Yoder, Paul Grieser, Elaine Rupp, James Beck, Gary Nofziger.

Sophomore Class

The sophomore class this year had a total of 25 members. In the spring when Joan Rupp, who was the class booster, withdrew, they were only 24; but soon after, a new student enrolled as a sophomore, Dick Sharman. This brought it back up to 25 again. Several weeks after school started the class elected Marilyn Haskell as the class president; Ernest Fowler, vice president; and Anna Spengler, secretary-treasurer. Miss Stockburger was chosen class sponsor.

They were a very active class. In September they initiated the freshmen, and on May 5 the freshmen gave a return party. They also had many other parties during the year. The group gave an interesting assembly program on April 2. It represented a radio broadcasting station with its various programs, in which each member took part.

They also were proud of the fact that they had three of the school's cheerleaders among their group. They were Marilyn Haskell, Luana Leininger, and Anna Spengler, who also served or the Booster Committee.

James Grieser, Ernest Fowler, and Kenneth Nofziger were the basketball lettermen. The five boys from the class on the baseball team were Bob Eicher, William Nofziger, Dick Sharman, Kenneth Nofziger, and Ernest Fowler. Several boys went out for track also.

There were many other activities that they took part in; such as,county festival at Archbold; Student Council, represented by Lois Beck, William Nofziger, and Bob Eicher; librarians: Mary Alice Nofziger, William Nofziger, Charles Beck, and Glen Miller. Last of all, but perhaps the most exciting event to several members of the class was being waiters and waitresses at the junior-senior banquet.

Freshman Class

This year, just as other years, the freshmen were initiated into high school. This occurred on September 25. They had a Halloween party, a sleigh ride at Christmas, and a Valentine party. The return party for the sophomores was held on May 5. They gave an interesting assembly program May 14.

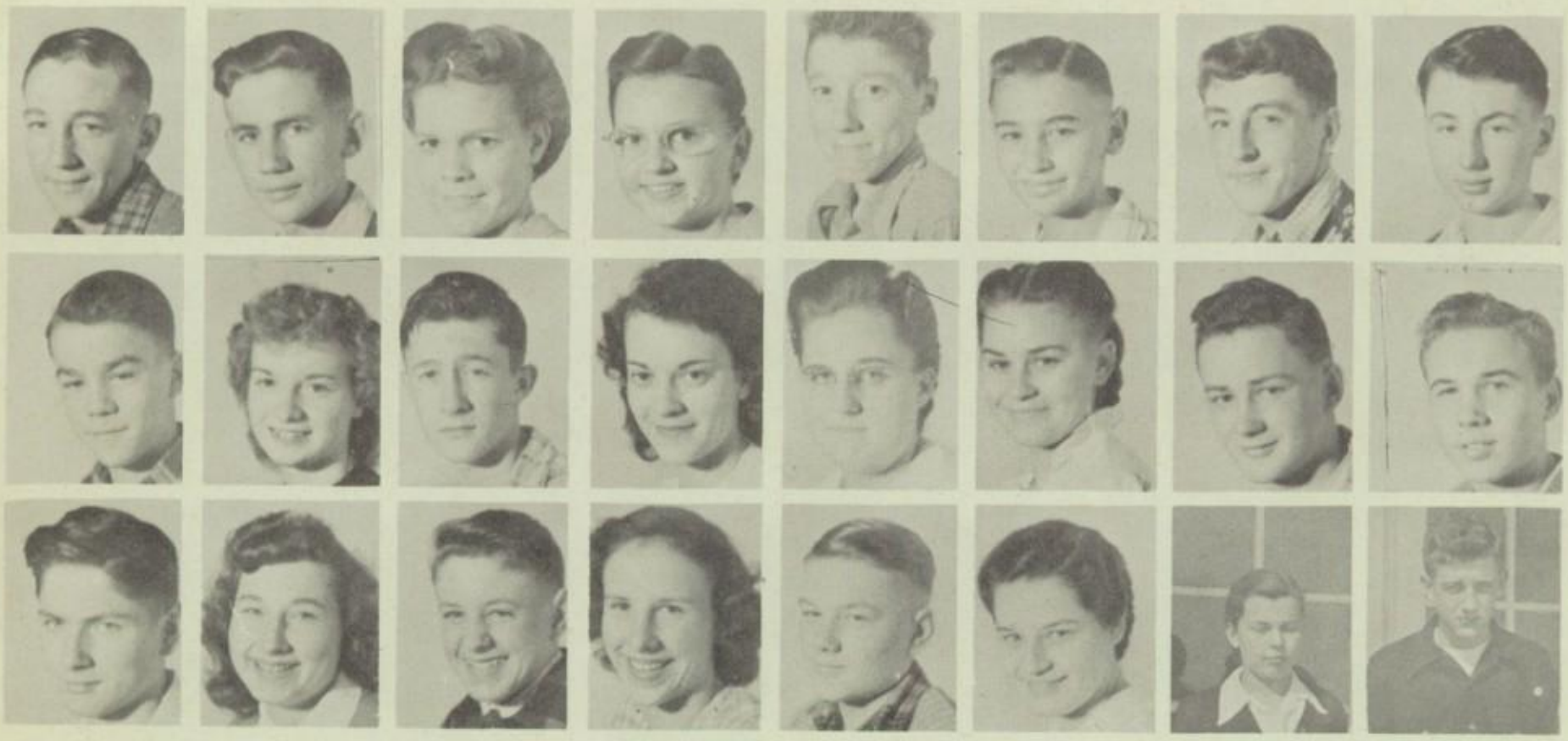
The class elected Bernice Rupp as president, Roger Gilson as vice president, and Sarah Jane Robinson as secretary treasurer. Mr. Ray was chosen as sponsor of the class. Their Student Council members were Sarah Jane Robinson and Fern Moll.

There were 22 students in this class. The 13 girls sold sandwiches at noon as a home economics project. They raised enough money to pay for over half of the amount needed for the new G. E. disposal and dishwasher which was installed in the home economics room.

Richard Rupp, Roger Gilson, Rolland Beck, and Glenn Davis were the freshman boys on the basketball team. Richard Rupp, Roger Gilson, and Glenn Davis were on the baseball team. Roger Gilson was also out for track.

Those in mixed chorus were Marilyn Gearig, Lester King, Richard Gautsche, and Glenn Davis. Marilyn Gearig and Lester King went with the rest of the mixed chorus to participate in the music contests at Ada and Columbus. Bernice Rupp sang in the chorus at the Music Festival held at Archbold.

Donald Grieser, a member of this class, was killed with a brother and his two sisters in a bobsled-train accident near Archbold, on January 4, 1948. He has been greatly missed by all the students and teachers for his winning smile and pleasing personality had won many friends for him.



Top Row: Ellis Aeschliman, Charles Beck, Imogene Beck, Lois Beck, Clarence Bruner, Bob Eicher, Ernest Fowler, Marvin Frey.

Middle Row: Vincent Frey, Marilyn Haskell, Marvin King, Luana Leininger, Lois Merillat, Arleta Miller, Glen Miller, Kenneth Nofziger.

Bottom Row: William Nofziger, Joan Rupp, Marlin Rupp, Anna Spengler, Gail Weber, Bueta Yoder, Mary Alice Nofziger, James Grieser.

Top Row: Arlene Beck, Rolland Beck, Carol Burkholder, Margie Burkholder, Glenn Davis, Richard Gautsche, Marilyn Gearig, Ruth Gisel.

Middle Row: Donald Grieser, Willard Grieser, Shirley Grime, Lester King, Fern Moll, Alvin Nofziger, Anna Nofziger, Dale Pfund.

Bottom Row: Sarah Jane Robinson, Bernice Rupp, Richard Rupp, Rosa Waidelich, Emogene Zimmerman, Martha May Zimmerman, Roger Gilson.

Absent: Gwendolyn Croninger.

Junior Class

Maxine Aeschliman

Valetta Beck

Harry Bruner

Betty Eicher

Alice Gautsche

Lois Gisel

Colleen Grieser

Richard Grieser

Edward Grime

Lucille Leininger

Robert Miller

Patty Nofziger

Mary Overmeyer

Geneva Rupp

Lowell Rupp

Donna Sauder

Arvada Schantz

Wayne Schrock

The big night for the junior class was April 9, for that night they presented their class play, "The Daffy Dills." The comedy was a success, with a record-breaking crowd attending. Immediately after the play the class members and sponsor started planning and preparing the annual banquet which was given May 1, to honor the graduating class. A hay ride on October 10 was the only class party held by the juniors.

Class officers for the class of 1949, this year included Martha Miller, president; Richard Grieser, v i c e president; and Geneva Rupp, secretary-treasurer. Miss Stein was class sponsor. Walter Pfund, Donna Sauder, and Geneva Rupp were the representatives to Student Council.

Three members of the class were absent when individual pictures were taken. For that reason Edward Short, Martha Miller, and Walter Pfund are pictured in the upper snapshot.

The lower snap shows a scene from the class p l a y with Lucille Leininger, Walter Pfund, and Geneva Rupp.

Senior Class

Fourteen girls and six boys started their last and best year at Pettisville High School on September 9, 1947. This group chose Louis Haskell to be their leader for best or worst, to win or lose. Edith Rychener was chosen to assist him as vice-president, and Virginia Nofziger took over the office of secretary-treasurer. Miss Wyse was elected as class sponsor. Rose and grey were chosen as class colors and the rose carnation as class flower.

Louis Haskell, Virginia Nofziger, and Helen Roth were the students chosen to represent the seniors in Student Council. Louis Haskell served as president and Virginia Nofziger as vice-president.

"Grandad Steps Out" was the comedy chosen by the class to be presented by our talented group. Play practice started in November and had some highlights, including a birthday party for Russel Liechty. A sleigh ride was enjoyed by most of the class after one of the nights of practice.

In January, Edith Rychener was named editor of the senior yearbook, "The Lariat." Helen Roth was voted associate editor and Russel Liechty business manager. This staff, assisted by the other members of the class, and Miss Wyse, labored to get the dummy copy off to the printer.

The senior girls' basketball team won a hard-fought tournament game with the sophomore six, a score of 23-22 and thus were named champions for 1948. The boys' team lost the championship game to the junior boys, but the five boys did some fine playing this year.

The typing 2 class, consisting of the following girls: Doris Waidelich, Helen Roth, Virginia Rupp, Florence Roth, Ila Mae Zimmerman, Doris Leininger, Amelia Gasche, Betty Raker, Edna Kline, and Ada Miller; assisted Miss Weber in the office and Mr. Springer in his office one period each day. Three of these girls, Helen Roth, Virginia Rupp, and Ada Miller, participated in a district typing contest at Defiance College. As a team, they rated fourth in the contest, and Virginia Rupp also ranked fourth in the contest for the individuals.

Edith Rychener, Louis Haskell, Ila Mae Zimmerman, and Norman Riegsecker represented the senior class in various subjects at Bowling Green in the district scholarship tests this year.

Betty Raker, Doris Leininger, Edna Kline, Helen Roth, Virginia Rupp, Edith Rychener, Evelyn Merillat, Norman Riegsecker, and Russel Liechty joined students from other schools to present the County Music Festival at Archbold, March 12. Various members of the class also were in the chorus which sang at Ada in the district contest and then journeyed to Columbus for the State Contest. Some of the more musically inclined people in the class took part in the District Music Contest at Bowling Green. Edith Rychener placed in first division in this contest, participated in the state contest and won a first rating there. The class is proud of her success. Doris Leininger, Helen Roth, Russel Liechty, and Louis Haskell sang in a mixed ensemble in the district contest and received an excellent rating. Louis Haskell also sang a bass solo and was rated excellent.

All but two of the twenty seniors, along with the juniors, journeyed to Columbus on April 14 and 15. Places of interest visited were the Lima State Hospital, School for the Deaf, insane asylum, and London State Prison Farm.

The end of the year activities began with a beautiful banquet in honor of the senior class on May 1, planned by the juniors. The Baccalaureate sermon was on the evening of May 16 with the Rev. Wyse Graber as speaker. The annual class night program was presented on May 21. Rev. J. W. McMahan gave the Commencement address and diplomas were presented on the night of May 20.

Edith Rychener was top honor student as valedictorian and Helen Roth was announced as salutatorian.

The usual last day picnic on May 25 ended a wonderful year for twenty more students who are proud to call Pettisville School their alma mater.

Senior Class

Doris Waidelich

Glee Club 10-12
Office Girl 12
Intramural Sports 9-12

Ila Mae Zimmerman

Class Play 12
Glee Club 10-12
Office Girl 12
Senior Schol. Test 12
Dist. Schol. Test 12

Edith Rychener

Valedictorian
Lariat Editor 12
Pet Echoes Editor 11,12
Class Sec.-Treas. 9,11
Vice-Pres. 12
Co. Music Festival 10-12
Class Plays 11,12
Glee Club 10-12
Mixed Chorus 12
Band 9-12
Dist. Music Contest 12
State Music Contest 12
Bookmending 9
Booster 9
Library Staff 9,10
Dist. Schol. Test 10-12
Pepsi Cola Schol.Test 12
Senior Schol. Test 12

Richard Schmitz

Glee Club 10-12
Class Plays 11,12
Dist. Typing Contest 11
Intramural Sports 9-12
Basketball 9,11,12
Track 10-12
Baseball 9,12
Letterman 12

Dale Schrock

Glee Club 10,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Class Plays 11,12
Intramural Sports 9-12

Ila Mae Zimmerman and Dale Schrock in a scene from the senior play.

Senior Class

Norman Riegsecker

Glee Club 10,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Co. Music Festival 12
Baseball 9,12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Stage Manager 11,12

Marlin Rufenacht

Glee Club 10
Intramural Sports 9-12
Class Play 12
Stage Manager 11

Florence Roth

Glee Club 10,11,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Class Play 12
Office Girl 12

Helen Roth

Salutatorian
Assoc. Lariat Editor
Glee Club 10,11,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Dist. Music Contest 12
Co. Music Festival 11,12
Office Girl 12
Library Staff 9-12
Class Plays 10,11
Class Vice-Pres. 9,11
Student Council 10,11,12
Secretary 11
Dist. Schol. Test 11
Senior Schol. Test 12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Dist. Typing Contest 12

Virginia Rupp

Glee Club 10,11,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Co. Music Festival 11,12
Office Girl 12
Library Staff 10,11,12
Class Plays 11,12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Dist. Typing Con. 11,12

Amelia Gasche, Virginia Nofziger, Doris Waidelich, Doris Leininger selling sandwiches at noon.

Senior Class

Virginia Nofziger

Glee Club 10,11,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Class Officer 9,10
  Sec.-Treas. 12
Bookmender 9,10,11
Library Staff 9-12
  Head Librarian 11
Student Council
  Vice Pres. 12
Class Plays 10,11
Intramural Sports 9-12

Russel Liechty

Class Officer 11
Glee Club 10,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Dist. Music Contest 12
Co. Chorus 12
Library Staff 9-12
Class Plays 11,12
Senior Schol. Test 12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Baseball 12
Track 12
Bus. Manager, Lariat 12
Dist. Schol. Test 10

Betty Raker

Class Plays 11,12
Pet Echoes Staff 11,12
Booster 10,11,12
  Head Booster 11,12
Glee Club 10,11,12
Office Girl 12
Co. Music Festival 12
Student Council 10,11
Intramural Sports 9,10

Evelyn Merillat

Glee Club 10,11,12
Mixed Chorus 12
Co. Music Festival 11,12
Intramural Sports 9-12

Ada Miller

Glee Club 10,11,12
Co. Music Festival 11
Office Girl 12
Library Staff 11,12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Dist. Typing Contest 12

Early graduation party

Senior Class

Pauline Beck

Glee Club 10-12
Student Council 10
Class Officer 10
Library Staff 11,12
Class Play 12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Typing Contest 11

Amelia Gasche

Glee Club 10-12
Office Girl 12

Louis Haskell

Glee Club 10,11
Co. Music Festival 10
Mixed Chorus 12
Class Pres. 10,12
Student Council 9,11,12
Pres. 12
Basketball 9-12
Track 9-12
Baseball 9,12
Letterman 11,12
Pepsi-Cola Schol. Test 12
Dist. Schol. Test 11,12
Pet Echoes Staff 12
Library Staff 11,12
Intramural Sports 9-12
Dist. Music Contest 12
Class Plays 11,12
Band 9-12

Edna Kline

Glee Club 10-12
Co. Music Festival 12
Mixed Chorus 12
Band (Twirler) 12
Class Plays 11,12
Office Girl 12
Intramural Sports 9-12

Doris Leininger

Glee Club 10-12
Mixed Chorus 12
Dist. Music Contest 12
Clarinet Quartet 12
Co. Music Festival 11,12
Class Plays 11,12
Office Girl 12
Band 9-12

Miss Ruth K. Wyse

Class Sponsor

Classes

Custodians

Mr. and Mrs. William L a n t z, the school custodians, have a hard time to keep the school building in perfect order; nevertheless, they a r e known for their quiet, efficient w o r k. Every evening, right after school hours, they can be seen in the rooms cleaning up the dirt and paper that in some way has accumulated during the day. Mr. Lantz not only h a s the cleaning to do, but he also has to do m u c h of the repairing when things get broken. It seems that even if the pupils do make a lot of unnecessary w o r k for them, they still patiently continue t h e job of cleaning the school.

Bus Drivers

Left to right:
Chester Sperry
Herman Wagner
Mrs. Glen Rychener
Dwight Porter
Harry Hull
John Waidelich
Amandus Nofziger

Among the many headaches that the bus drivers endure, one of the worst is having to hear all the gossip and arguing of the school children.

Many boys and girls, who before had not appreciated having a school bus come to their doors every morning and evening, found out what it is like to have to walk a mile or t w o to meet the bus when bad weather made some of the roads impassable.

Early in the spring Mrs. Glen Rychener resigned as bus driver and a teacher, Mr. Ray, replaced her for the remainder of the year.

Standing: Mark Ray, David E.Springer, (Mrs.) Florence Lindley, S. M. Gottschalk, (Mrs.) Helen Springer, James Edington.

Sitting: (M r s.) Florence Porter, (M r s.) M i l d r e d Rychener, Janet Stein, (Mrs.) Herma Schroeder, Sadie Miller, Ada Weber, Ruth K. Wyse, Mildred Stockburger, (Mrs.) Jane Short.

Mr. Porter dries the dishes as Mr. Springer washes them after the faculty Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Porter is at the stove in left background, and Miss Stockburger is bending over the sink in the snapshot at right.

The picture at the right is the Pettisville School Board of Education. Mr. Russell Gasche is the president, and Mr. Schultz is vice president. Miss Ada Weber, who is not on the picture, serves as clerk for the board.

Top Row: Supt. S. M. Gottschalk, Mr. Russel Schultz.

Bottom Row: Mr. Ellis Haskell, Mr. Lloyd Hull, Mr. Russell Gasche, Mr.Lawrence Schroeder.

Faculty

Pettisville had four n e w teachers this year. Two were Miss Stein, science teacher; and Mrs. Schroeder, second grade teacher. In o n e sense, however, Mrs. Schroeder was not a new teacher, for as Miss Herma Steinbrecker s h e taught the third grade from 1932-1937. Since t h e school had had no high school music teacher for several years, everybody was happy that one could be secured this year, even if he was here only half-time. Mr. Edington, the music teacher, also taught at Chesterfield. Mrs. Porter again taught music to the six elementary grades. The fourth new teacher, Miss Virginia Miller who taught the third grade, resigned in November; a n d Mrs. Springer taught the group until the end of the year.

Mr. Springer was appointed principal last fall. He succeeded Mr. Kinney, who h a d resigned to accept a position elsewhere. He also took over t h e coaching d u t i e s as well as physical education classes and several classes in history. Other teachers continued to teach t h e classes they had previously had with a few exceptions. Mr. Gottschalk, the superintendent, taught agriculture; Mr. Ray had history, junior business, and some mathematics; Miss Stockburger remained as home economics teacher; Miss Weber was commercial teacher; Miss Wyse taught English and journalism. Mrs. Lindley, formerly second grade teacher, had the first grade, while Miss Spiess, Miss Miller,and Mrs. Rychener taught the fourth,fifth, and sixth grades.

At least one faculty party was held each month. The first social get-together was a picnic at t h e Maumee River. Mr. and Mrs. Springer and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rychener were hosts at this affair. In October the teachers had two parties--a waffle supper at Miss Wyse's cottage at Devil's Lake and a Halloween party given by Mr. and Mrs.Gottschalk and Mr. and Mrs. Ray. All t h e teachers rolled up their sleeves and helped cook the Thanksgiving dinner they enjoyed in November at t h e school. A Christmas party was held at the Hostess House in Delta. The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Short, Miss Stein, Miss Weber, Miss Stockburger, and Miss Spiess.

In January the social committee arranged a chili supper which was held in the school building. Mr. and Mrs. Porter entertained the teachers at a Valentine party in February. An Easter buffet supper was given by the L i n d l e y s and Schroeders in March at the Lindley home. In April a fish supper was served in the home economics room by the social committee. To close the school year the teachers had a picnic.

One member was absent from most of these parties. Mrs. Gottschalk suffered severe burns in a g a s explosion in her home in November. She spent 18 weeks in the hospital, most of the time in a serious condition. By the end of the school year, she was once more at home and recovering steadily.

School Board

The first Monday of each month the School Board meets in the school office. The members of the Board are Russell Gasche, Ellis Haskell, Lawrence Schroeder, Russel Schultz, and Lloyd Hull. Mr. Gottschalk and Ada Weber, who is clerk, are always present at these meetings also.

Last fall as the result of the regular election, a new member, Ellis Haskell, took his place on the board. He replaced Fred Gilson who did not run for reelection, but who served until New Year's. Russel Schultz was reelected to the board.

A two-mill operating levy was passed at last fall's election, thus boosting the treasury of t h e school board. The increased funds enabled t h e board to buy some badly needed new equipment, such as buses, typewriters, and an automatic gas hot water heater.

These board members serve the school with little remuneration, but rather from a sense of civic duty.

Administration

In Memoriam

Marlin Grieser

Arlene Grieser

Donald Grieser

Life brings to most families a certain amount o f deep sorrow, and many times it seems that misfortunes are unevenly and unfairly divided among them. But rarely does one family have t o meet a tragedy equal to the one the Raymond Griesers found themselves facing Sunday, January 4, 1948.

All c a n be explained simply--an unseen limited passenger train, and a tractor-drawn bobsled, loaded with laughing children. In an instant four children of one family four o f another, and two of still another were wiped out of existence, never to know just what had happened. Only three passengers escaped death.

The four Grieser children lived in this district, three of them attended school at Pettisville. Janice, aged four, was still too young to accompany her brothers and sister t o school every morning. Arlene was a fifth grader. Pretty, shy, and friendly, she is still missed by her many friends. A sixth grader was Marlin, a lively, bright, teasing youngster. That class was always small; now it seems much smaller, minus that one outstanding personality. Donald, a freshman in high school, was a quiet lad with an appealing smile. He liked to day dream, but was a mainstay at home. He also left many friends.

The week of the disaster, school went on, except for the actual day of the funeral. Teachers and pupils were there, attending classes and making a half-hearted attempt to work. But in reality all were only going through the motions most of the time. Especially was that true of the rooms that now had vacant seats--ones that would never again be filled by their rightful owners.

One child remains f o r Mr. and Mrs. Grieser to rear--one out of five. Roger, a fourth grader, was too ill to accompany his brothers, sisters, and friends.

In the face of what might seem to be unbearable tragedy, faith and courage brought the family through the crisis; and time, the wonderful healer, is helping to ease the pain. But those children who have gone will always b e remembered. Their footprints have been planted clearly and unforgettably on the "sands of time."

Foreword

Everyone has memories, both pleasant and sad. When we seniors realize that school days will soon be nothing but memories, we feel a nostalgia that all seniors experience at such a time. How can we remember the good times we had? And--more important--how can we be remembered? The 1948 Lariat is our answer. May it help not only us, but all those connected with Pettisville School to remember clearly the year of 1947-1948 w h e n we as seniors leave o u r footprints on the sands of high school time.

"And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."
— Longfellow.

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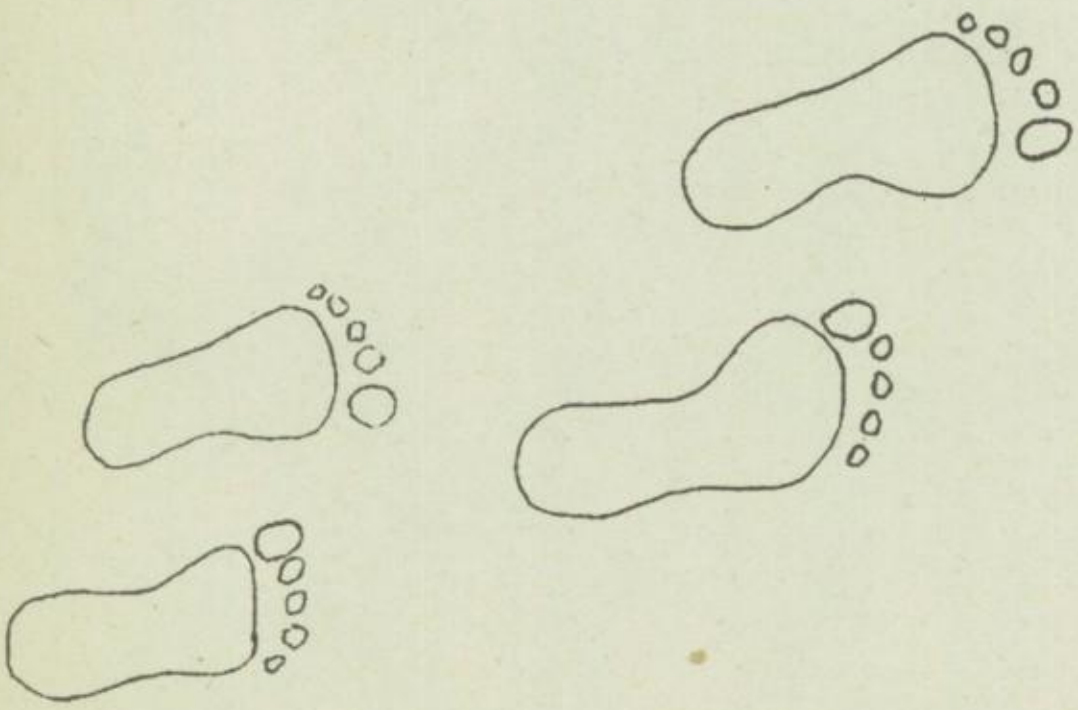

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